GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2958
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
REQUEST OF CHHATTISGARH FOR ALLOCATION OF RICE
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh have requested the Union Government foradditional allocation of rice on regular basis till June 30, 2001;

(b) whether utilisation certificate pertaining to 1.60 lakh metric tonne rice given to Chhattisgarh Government on earlier occasion have been received by the Union Government;

(c) whether the Union Government have released foodgrains as per the request of State Government; and

(d) if not, the time by which allocation is likely to be made alongwith the quantum thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The release of foodgrains (rice) was made to Govt. of Chhattisgarh underFood for Work Programme (FFW) on the request of the State Govt. The FFW launched by Govt. ofIndia in the drought affected rural areas of drought affected States including Chhattisgarh was scheduled to be in operation till 30.6.2001. It has since been extended upto 30.9.2001.

A quantity of 1.60 lakh tonnes of rice was allotted free of cost to the Chhattisgarh Governmenton 12.01.2001 for Food for Work programmes in the drought affected areas of the State.

The State Government requested in February 2001 that besides the 1.60 lakh tonnes of riceallotted free of cost for FFW in January 2001, further additional quantity of 50,000 tonnes of rice for March 2001 and 4.00 lakh tonnes of rice for April, May and June 2001 free of cost for employment generation programmes in drought affected areas may be allotted. The State Government again demanded a further allocation of 1.00 lakh tonnes of rice free of cost for FFW in July,2001 since the earlier allocation was fully lifted by them.

The date-wise allocation of rice to the State Government free of cost for FFW/employment generation programmes is as under:

Date	Quantity allotted (in tonnes)
12.1.2001	1,60,000
23.3.2001	37,000
30.3.2001	10,000
27.4.2001	2,00,000(+)
1.8.2001	1,00,000
Total	5,07,000

+ The State Government was actually allotted 2,98,507 tonnes of paddy in lieu of 2,00,000 tonnes of rice at their request.

The utilization certificates in the prescribed format are awaited. However, the progress reports received from the State Government that 5.05 lakh tonnes of rice has been lifted and utilized for generation of employment opportunities.